

Awakening to Excellence: Who Am I Trying to Impress?

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It's time to wake up! Get Up! Show Up! And be present in your life!

Ephesians 5:14-16

Therefore He says, Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall shine (make day dawn) upon you and give you light. [Isa. 26:19; 60:1, 2.]

15 Look carefully then how you walk! Live purposefully and worthily and accurately, not as the unwise and witless, but as wise (sensible, intelligent people),

16 Making the very most of the time [buying up each opportunity], because the days are evil.

In this new year, God is calling you and I to wake up out of our sleep. To rise above direct line of sight and see things the way God sees them!

WE must make the most of our lives now! Time is super short. Jesus is returning. How many opportunities did we waste and squander this last year because we weren't in tune with God? How many God moments did we miss out on because we were too wrapped up with line of sight issues? We must clear out the mess that's right in front of us so we can see the bigger picture.

Get Your House In Order

2 Kings 20:1

"...Thus saith the Lord of hosts, set thine house in order..."

Set – to put in a particular place, position, and posture; to fix definitely; establish; to plant firmly; to establish for others to follow; to arrange or prepare for use; to adjust to accord with a standard; to become firm, solid, or permanent

Order – Methodical or harmonious arrangement; conformity or obedience to established authority; customary mode of procedure

God wants us to get in line with His DAILY OPERATING PROCEDURES and *Live In Excellence*

Philippians 1:10 (amp)

"So that you may surely learn to sense what is vital, and ***approve and prize what is excellent*** and of real value [recognizing that highest and the best, and distinguishing the moral differences], and that you may be untainted and pure and unerring and blameless [so that with hearts sincere and certain and unsullied, you may approach] the day of Christ [not stumbling nor causing others to stumble].

1. God has called us to walk in excellence

– I Peter 2:15 (amp)

For it is God's will and intention that by doing right [your good and honest lives] should silence (muzzle, gag) the ignorant charges and ill-in-formed criticisms of foolish persons.

– Matthew 5:48 (amp)

You, therefore, must be perfect [growing into complete maturity of godliness in mind and character, having reached the proper height of virtue and integrity], as your heavenly Father is perfect.

– Hebrews 6:1 (amp)

Therefore let us go on and get past the elementary stage in the teachings and doctrine of Christ (the Messiah), advancing steadily toward the completeness and perfection that belong to spiritual maturity.

Let us not again be laying the foundation of repentance and abandonment of dead works (dead formalism) and of the faith [by which you turned] to God,

Satan's Plan for you is to choke out the word in you, and caught up and busy so that you cannot walk in excellence.

– Luke 8:14 (amp)

And as for what fell among the thorns, these are [the people] who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked and suffocated with the anxieties and cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not ripen (come to maturity and perfection).

2. Excellence in Love

– I Peter 2:15 (amp)

Show respect for all men [treat them honorably]. Love the brotherhood (the Christian fraternity of which Christ is the Head). Reverence God. Honor the emperor.

3. Excellence in Obedience

– Hebrews 13:17 (amp)

Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

4. Excellence in Faithfulness

– Hebrews 10:25 (amp)

Not forsaking or neglecting to assemble together [as believers], as is the habit of some people, but admonishing (warning, urging, and encouraging) one another, and all the more faithfully as you see the day approaching.

– Proverbs 28:20a (kjb)

A faithful man shall abound with blessings...

– Luke 16:10 (kjb)

He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

– I Corinthians 4:2 (amp)

Moreover, it is [essentially] required of stewards that a man should be found faithful [proving himself worthy of trust.]

5. Excellence in the Work Place

– Daniel 6:3 (amp)

Then this Daniel was distinguished above the presidents and the satraps because an excellent spirit was in him, and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.

– You want a promotion..... BE EXCELLENT

– Don't steal from your employer

– Don't slop bop

– yea but I can get by..... but God hasn't called you to get by

6. Excellence in All Things

– Hebrews 13:21

Strengthen (complete, perfect) and make you what you ought to be and equip you with everything good that you may carry out His will; [while He Himself] works in you and accomplishes that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ (the Messiah); to whom be the glory forever and ever (to the ages of the ages). Amen (so be it).